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THE MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 122 for 4s of 1867; 112½ for 4s; sterling, \$4 81/4 for 80½; 101 for 3s; silver bars, 102½.

Silver in London, 49½; consols, 99 13/16; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105; 4s, 125½; 4½s, 115½.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 83½.

Gold and Numerous advanced still higher in the San Francisco mining share market yesterday, and there were active dealings at higher rates in all the Comstocks. There was little change in the outside stocks.

Storms and floods are being added to the earthquake horrors in Spain, and the suffering of the people is不堪. Factories at Lynchburg, Va., closed for several months, are shutting up again.

A battle between the United States troops and squatters in Indian Territory is thought to be inevitable.

The President of the Rochester (N. Y.) Board of Aldermen is on trial for accepting bribes to influence his official action.

A Police Commissioner has been found dead in death in his bed at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice will go to Germany in March.

It is reported that El Mahdi has accepted the conditions proposed by General Wolseley.

Trouble with the Sioux Indians in Warner Valley, Oregon, is imminent.

General Washington has resigned at Portland, N. Y., with liabilities to the amount of \$127,000.

The Connecticut Republicans in caucus, have nominated Orville H. Platt for United States Senator, whose re-election is certain.

Mrs. Laura Shrewsbury, grand-niece and eldest surviving relative of General Washington, died recently in Charleston, W. Va., aged 75 years.

The Nevada legislature, on joint ballot yesterday, elected John P. Jones United States Senator.

The last sitting General Grant upon the retired list of the army was passed in the Senate yesterday by a vote of 49 to 4.

The Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., is in session at Pittsburgh.

A State Prohibition party has been organised in the East.

The Earl of Aylesford died Tuesday night at Big Springs, Tex.

Chief Justice Waite's health is slowly improving, and he will go south next week.

The French Chamber of Deputies adjourned yesterday until January 27th.

Summer has served a notice of contest upon Leopold, Congressmen-elect.

Dr. J. W. Campbell, a solicitor at San Bernardino Tuesday night with strychnine.

Caleh Tues was found murdered near Bates station, San Joaquin county, Monday.

Martin Hogan was convicted of arson at Napa yesterday.

Ex Senator Nesmith is still an inmate of the Oregon Insane Asylum, and it is said his case is hopeless.

An remarkable story comes from Utah of the escape of a two-and-a-half year old child.

An explosion of dynamite near Somers, Pa., yesterday, killed two men and injured three others.

Velasco, a prominent Mexican citizen of Tucson, A. T., died in that city yesterday.

The Mexican border soldiers are encamped near Juarez on the Arizona line, and a force hurried in pursuit.

Employees of the Sonora Railway in Mexico are being discharged for embezzlement.

The Texas Legislature completed its organization at Austin yesterday.

Feeble-cutters are at work on a large scale in Coffeyville, New Mexico.

The remains of the late seafarer Coffey passed through Chicago last evening, enroute to South Bend, Ind.

The striking brakemen at Fort Wayne, Ind., still "hold the fort."

Landslides at Czernowitz, Austria, are greatly endangering the \$5,000,000 cathedral at that point.

SOME REMARKABLE STATISTICS.

Can statistics lie? What are we to think? Here we, in common with the mass of humanity, have been holding that liquor-drinking was the chief cause of crime, and that tipping fills the houses of detention and overflows the prisons and jails. Now come some cold statistics from Kansas to dash our theory. They show that high tide in crime was reached during the period when prohibition was most radically enforced and apparently most effective. The counties where the sale of liquor was unchecked sent up a less number of convicts, proportionately, than from most counties where enforcement of the law was most rigid. Four counties with no liquor law and a population of 117,230 sent to the State Prison last year 95 convicts, while six counties with the law enforced and a population of 115,865, sent up 111 convicts. In the language of the report, "from a population of 115,865 come sixteen more convicts than from an anti-prohibition population of 117,230." We prefer to believe that the statistics do err. That is to say, such statistics are not reliable when standing alone. We would prefer a group of years to a single year's figures.

Then, too, we wish to know something of the relations of the several counties to certain influences—a large cities, time of travel, navigable rivers, and, above all, their educational standing. It is so clear to an observant man, that a vast quantity of crime is traceable directly to the undue use of intoxicants, and a volume of crime nearly as large indirectly attributable to the same source, that we are unwilling to yield the statistical point upon the mere showing of the Warden of a single Penitentiary. We should wish to know, also, positively, whether there was abstention from drink in the so-called prohibition counties, and how they were geographically located to counties in which liquor was easily procurable. Yet one must confess that these statistics are surprising and somewhat inquiry. Certainly they make it incumbent upon the advocates of prohibition to come to the defense of the theory that the decrease of crime is proportional to the increase of intemperance.

CHEAP FOOD SUPPLY.

Fish should be, and can be, made our cheapest food supply. Meat foods will not be cheaper. The tendency is still upward. It behoves the Legislature, therefore, to heed the report of the Fish Commissioners and act very liberally in the premises.

The Commission shows that unless illicit fishing is stopped the fish supply cannot be kept up to the proper standard.

The sea-lions and seals consume a vast amount of fish that should come to the rivers and bays, and a price should be set upon the heads of these enemies of cheap food. At least 4,000,000 of fish should be planted in the headwaters of the Sacramento river every year, but to do this there must be adequate appropriations. We believe that whatever is given to this end will be more than returned to the State, in augmented fish industries and the decline of prices in the Cabinet.

fish food. Fish should be very much cheaper than they are. There is no reason why this food should cost the consumer so much as it now does by a half or a third—at least no reason that should be allowed to continue in existence. We are told by the Fish Commissioners that unless something of a remedial and promotive character is done by the Legislature, the rivers and bays will soon be depleted of food fishes. Our salmon interest is at this moment in imminent jeopardy and it is the duty of legislators to apply a remedy. The Fish Commissioners give these facts to which they cannot afford to close their eyes, and suggest reforms and remedies which it will be little short of criminal to ignore.

It is humiliating to find some California legislators hesitating as to what action to take regarding needed legislation on the school book constitutional amendment, in order to first ascertain what effect the legislation will probably have upon party.

It is more than humiliating. The duty the honest man has before him is to legislate in a manner he is convinced will best carry into effect the amendment the people have voted to the Constitution. His duty is not to party, but to present youth and posterity to the people and his conscience. Yet it is open talk on the streets by Republican legislators and leaders that if the Democratic administration can be brought to fail to make the new school book system effective, it will be a capital card for Republicans in the next State campaign. So Democrats are heard to say that if the Republican majority can be led to delay and cripple legislation necessary under the amendment, it will redound to the benefit of the Democracy. So, between the upper and nether milstones of party advantage, legislative duty is to be ground to dust? We do not believe it. The ordinary instincts of common decency will save the Legislature from the perpetration of such a crime.

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The Senate Appropriation Committee's amendments were concurred in, and the bill passed.

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NEW ORLEANS EXPOSITION.

WEATHER REPORT.

All Observations Taken on the 75th Meridian (Eastern) Time.

SIGNAL OFFICER, U. S. ARMY.

SACRAMENTO, January 14, 1885.

11 p.m. (Eastern time), 75th meridian; 8 p.m. (Pacific time), 130th meridian.

SHALL CALIFORNIA BE CREDITABLY REPRESENTED?

Remarks of Colonel A. A. Andrews, State Commissioner, in the Assembly Chamber Last Evening.

A resolution was passed in the Assembly a few days since requesting Colonel Andrews, Commissioner of the State of California at the World's Fair at New Orleans, to appear before them and discuss the merits of a measure which proposes to appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of making a creditable display of the products of this State at the World's exhibit. In obedience to the request, Colonel Andrews appeared before an audience last evening in the Assembly Chamber. The meeting was called to order by W. H. Parks, who introduced the speaker.

The Governor yesterday appointed Henry A. Parker, Director of the Dead and Dumb and Bill Aylm, A. K. P. Harmon, as his agents.

About 6,000 tons of wheat have been purchased by Woodland buyers within the last ten days at figures ranging from \$1 to \$1 23.

The names of the People vs. Thomas H. Reynolds and D. M. Burns were yesterday, in the Superior Court, continued until next Monday.

Cora Brown, alias Crowley, was arrested yesterday by officer Farrell for grand larceny, in robbing John Carey of a diamond and \$400 money.

The Chinese of this city, who had heard of the Louisiana lottery purchased five tickets in it, and learned yesterday that they had drawn a fifth of \$25.

Summer Post, G. A. R., will hold an open meeting at 8 o'clock in Granier Hall, to which all comrades and Union veterans, together with their families, are invited.

Residents below R street, in the vicinity of Seventh, are complaining of the accumulation of drainage water in that neighborhood, and want the drainage pump to do its duty.

The Governor has not as yet intimated what action he will take in the premises.

Card from District Attorney Buckley.

Eos. Record-Union: In yesterday's Record-Union some person signing himself "Justitia," alluding to the McKenna case, asked if it were proper for the District Attorney to move the Court to dismiss the case, the attorney having previously appeared as the defendant's counsel at the preliminary examination. I would ask if such a motion is proper for the City Attorney to make.

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Ladies' Kid Button Shoes, with worked holes, \$2.

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